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### Temperance Column.

By the Ocala Temperance Reform Club.

Edited by Mrs. Kate Liddle and Miss Daisy Moore.

The Club meets every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in Temperance Hall. The Public are invited.

(Concluded.)

"Is the gun all right?"  
"Yes, the gun is first-class."  
"Gun loaded?"  
"Yes, the gun has been properly loaded all the time."  
"And the stealing has been going on right along?"  
"Maria, you are enough to drive any man crazy, but if you'll let up for a few minutes, I'll tell you why the stealing has not stopped. I have just discovered that Bill Sykes is one of the thieves."  
"Oh, that's it, is it? Well, no wonder since you are one of these non-partisan temperance men, your next move will be to get up a petition addressed to Bill Sykes, begging him to do the work he was hired to do. Or, perhaps, you will organize a law and order league to force Bill Sykes to enforce the law."

"Maria, I am not a fool, and I want you to understand it. I have discharged Bill Sykes and hired a man in his place who has no sympathy with thieving or thieves. Now I expect that prohibition will prohibit."

"Joshua, learn a lesson from this. You complain that prohibition of the liquor traffic does not prohibit and that the liquor men violate every law passed for the protection of society. Yet you and the rest of your party vote into office men like Bill Sykes, who are part of a gang of law-breakers. Instead of voting to discharge these men and put prohibitionists into office, you re-elect the same old crowd and then whine that 'prohibition does not prohibit,' and 'you cannot make men good by law,' and such cowardly nonsense. Joshua, vote to discharge forever all the Bill Sykeses and place the prohibition guns in the hands of prohibitionists, who have no sympathy with rum-selling or rum-sellers."

"Oh! these women! these women!—Selected."

### Additional Locals.

Some portions of our town are terribly overgrown with weeds. These harbor snakes and mosquitoes and cause more or less sickness, besides being an eyesore to our citizens and sadly marring the beauty of our town.

E. C. Bird and H. M. McKay made us a pleasant call this morning. Mr. McKay is the attorney for the Memphis Building and Loan Association. He is here looking after some loans his company has made, and says he hopes to do a good business in Ocala.

Our county clerk's office is the personification of order and neatness. D. A. Miller is one of the most obliging officials we have and his assistants are polite and clever. S. T. Sistrunk is a favorite with every one who knows him. It is a great satisfaction for the people of the county to know that their interests are in such safe hands.

Harping and growling about the hard times never did any body any good. The Lord has been better to all of us than we deserve. Let us praise him for his goodness and mercy.—X.

Capt. F. D. Pooser, our popular and efficient tax collector, is an all round good man and his ideas on the question of tobacco culture in Marion county are clear and practical. There ought to be a united effort in this business on the part of all our citizens. There is big money in it.

The custom house received a shipment of ten bales or 1280 pounds of tobacco, consigned to Jose Morales & Co. Any one who may have the idea that this custom house is an expense to the government will disabuse his mind of the idea when he learns that the duty on this comparatively small shipment is over \$500.

Geo. McKay has the contract to build an armory for the Ocala Rifles on the lot fronting Fort King avenue near the Baptist Witness building. The house is to be completed in ninety days. The building is to cost \$3,500 and will be an ornament to the town. Ocala is not dead yet by a long shot.

About 200 negro laborers left on the noon train over the Plant system today for Lake Worth, where they will be employed in constructing the East Coast Line on from Palm Beach south. This will give employment to a good many of our idle negroes, who get to the scene of their labors free, the company furnishing transportation. There seems to be a good deal of work in the Lake Worth region.

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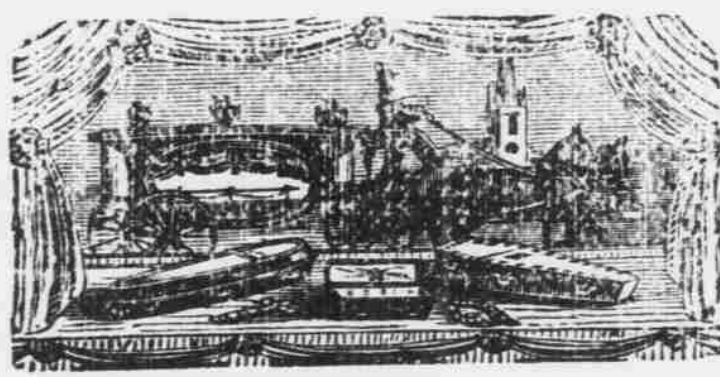
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